

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 3, 1901.

Mr. ROBERTS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To establish the department of commerce and manufactures.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there shall be at the seat of Government an executive
4 department to be known as the department of commerce and
5 manufactures, and a secretary of commerce and manufactures
6 who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the
7 advice and consent of the Senate, who shall have a seat in
8 the Cabinet, and who shall receive a salary of eight thousand
9 dollars per annum; and section one hundred and fifty-eight
10 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to include such
11 department, and the provisions of title four of the Revised
12 Statutes, including all amendments thereto, are hereby made
13 applicable to said department.
14 SEC. 2. That there shall be an assistant secretary of

1 commerce and manufactures, to be appointed by the President,
2 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall
3 receive a salary of four thousand dollars a year. He shall
4 perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the secretary or
5 required by law. There shall also be one chief clerk and
6 such other clerical assistants as may from time to time be
7 authorized by Congress.

8 SEC. 3. That the said department of commerce and
9 manufactures shall have general jurisdiction over the foreign
10 and internal commerce of the United States, except in so far
11 as relates to the collection of the revenue and the administra-
12 tion of the customs and internal-revenue laws; it shall also
13 have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the manufactur-
14 ing interests of the United States, including the extension of
15 foreign markets for the same, and the increase of trade and
16 trade facilities with foreign countries; and the secretary of
17 commerce and manufactures shall have and perform all the
18 duties now incumbent upon the Secretary of the Treasury in
19 relation to the trade and commerce of the United States,
20 whether the same be upon land or water.

21 SEC. 4. That the several bureaus of the Department of
22 the Treasury known as the Life-Saving Service, the Light-
23 House Board, the Marine-Hospital Service, the Bureau of
24 Steamboat Inspection, the Bureau of Navigation, the United
25 States Coast and Geodetic Survey, together with the Bureau

1 of Statistics, are hereby transferred from the Department of
2 the Treasury to the department of commerce and manufac-
3 tures, and shall hereafter be under the jurisdiction and super-
4 vision of the secretary of that department; the Bureau of
5 Statistics of the Department of State is hereby transferred
6 from that Department to the department of commerce and
7 manufactures, and consolidated with the Bureau of Statistics
8 of the Treasury Department; and there shall be appointed by
9 the President, by and with the advice of the Senate, one
10 chief of the bureau of statistics of commerce and manufac-
11 tures, who shall perform all the duties now imposed by law
12 upon the chiefs of the two bureaus of statistics which are
13 hereby consolidated, together with such other duties as may
14 from time to time be prescribed by Congress or the secre-
15 tary of the department of commerce and manufacturers,
16 including the preparation of reports upon the progress, condi-
17 tions, circumstances, and statistics of trade and commerce
18 within the United States and between the United States and
19 all foreign countries.

20 SEC. 5. That the Consular Bureau of the Department of
21 State and the several consular officers of the Federal Govern-
22 ment, including consuls-general, consuls, commercial agents,
23 their deputies, clerks, and all other officers of the Government
24 resident in foreign countries and charged with the duty of
25 facilitating and promoting the commerce of the United States

1 with the countries to which they are accredited, are hereby
2 transferred from the jurisdiction of the Department of State to
3 the jurisdiction of the department of commerce and manufac-
4 tures; and said consular officers shall hereafter report to the
5 secretary of said department of commerce and manufactures
6 and receive their instructions from him: *Provided, however,*
7 That the said consular officers, whenever they are required to
8 act in diplomatic capacity in matters not directly connected
9 with the commercial interests of the country, shall continue to
10 report to the Department of State, and to act under the direc-
11 tion of the Secretary of State; and all sections of the Revised
12 Statutes relating to the said consular officers, in so far as they
13 are inconsistent with the provisions of this section, are hereby
14 modified in accordance with its provisions.

15 SEC. 6. That the secretary of commerce and manufac-
16 tures shall annually make a report in writing to Congress,
17 which shall contain an account of all moneys received and
18 expended by him, of all acts done by him in promoting and
19 facilitating the development of American commerce and man-
20 ufacturers, and such recommendations as he shall deem neces-
21 sary to the further extension of our foreign and domestic
22 trade. He shall also make special investigations and reports
23 on particular subjects whenever required to do so by the
24 President or by either House of Congress, or whenever in

1 his judgment such special investigations and reports shall be
2 required.

3 SEC. 7. That all laws and parts of laws relating to the
4 commerce and manufactures of the United States now in
5 existence, as far as the same are applicable and not in con-
6 flict with this Act, and only so far, are continued in full force
7 and effect.

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